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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits as far as is known to the undersigned (37 CFR 1.97(b)(3)).

An abstract of the non-English language reference is enclosed. Further relevance of the publication can be gleaned from the attached translation of the Japanese Office Action, which cited the reference. Other references cited in the Japanese Office Action (JP 05-041811, JP 2003-101762, JP 2003-331301, JP 2003-264685, and JP 2002-215370) are not submitted herewith as they have been previously filed in this application.

It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

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